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EMBASSY MAY INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL
MOHAMMED SHARIF THAT WHEN THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE
BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI FORCES FROM
THE OGADEN, HE WAS SPEAKING OF THE FORCES BELONGING TO THE
SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT IF THE
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SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN IS TO BE
CREDIBLE, THEN THE ARMY MUST BRING WITH IT THE WEAPONS AND
EQUIPMENT WHICH THEY BROUGHT INTO THE OGADEN AT THE TIME
THEY ENTERED TO SUPPORT THE GUERRILLA UNITS ALREADY THERE.
WE THEREFORE ASSUME THAT IF THERE ARE GUERRILLA UNITS WHICH
REFUSE TO LEAVE THE OGADEN, THEY WILL NOT BE EQUIPPED WITH
ARMS APPROPRIATE ONLY TO REGULAR ARMY UNITS. VANCE

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